

LB 215, LB 186

SPEAKER: LB 138 is advanced. That brings up the General File consideration of LB 215.

CLERK: Read title. LB 215. There are committee amendments by Senator Whitney's Retirement Committee.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, I move that the committee amendments be accepted. I want to explain the bill and the amendment at the same time. LB 215 in its original form would have transferred the auditing function for the Omaha Teachers Retirement System from the Department of Insurance to the Auditor of Public Accounts and required an annual audit. Now, these amendments simply are to consider that the Omaha school district already has to have an audit of its retirement program and its deposit with the Department of Education, and this would simply make it possible for the Auditor of Public Accounts to accept the audit that is already given to the Department of Education. I move that these be adopted.

SPEAKER: Any discussion of the amendments? The question is shall the amendments be adopted. All those in favor say aye. Those opposed say no. So ordered. The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Whitney, back to you.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Now, I move that LB 215 be advanced to E & R Initial which simply transfers the auditing function for the Omaha Teachers Retirement System from the Department of Insurance to the Auditor of Public Accounts.

SPEAKER: You've heard the explanation and the motion. Is there need for further discussion. The question is shall LB 215 as amended be advanced from General File to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote no. Once again, have you all voted? The clerk will record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, Mr. President, on the motion to advance.

SPEAKER: The bill is advanced. That brings up the General File consideration of LB 186. Senator Kremer is excused. We'll move to LB 206. Excuse me, Senator Wiltse, do you want to handle that one?

CLERK: Read title. LB 186. There are committee amendments by Senator Kremer's Public Works Committee.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Wiltse.

SENATOR WILTSE: On Page 12, we have the wording changing of "shall" to "may", making it permissive. Page 13, we are striking a part of the material on Line 16. We're inserting "days" and "on such reasonable time as may be determined by the director". This is nothing but corrective. I move that we advance ...I move the amendments.

SPEAKER: You've heard the explanation of the amendments. All those in favor of adopting the amendments, please say aye. Those opposed say no. So ordered. The amendments are adopted. Senator Wiltse, back to you.

SENATOR WILTSE: This bill in particular is to cover protection relative to dams, power plants, and other structures that the discharge, I am changing it from the duties of the department so as to protect those that might be below hazardous dams that we have below us. There was no opposition to the bill and it was passed with the majority of the Committee. I move it be advanced.

SPEAKER: Is there any further discussion of the bill? The question is shall LB 186 as amended be advanced from General File to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye. All